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BRICS University Ranking
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Indian Universities have stood far behind in the Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa (BRICS) University ranking;
(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current financial year and also the comparison with other countries;
(c) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to better the ranking of Indian Universities and whether any directions were issued to the States to improve the standards of Universities; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) and (b): Several Institutions in the Country already impart education which compares well with the best institutions in the World. The BRICS and Emerging Economies Rankings were brought out by the agencies like Times Higher Education (THE) and Quacquarelli Symonds (QS). The details of the rankings during the last three years are available at the website of these agencies. In the rankings brought out by these Agencies, several institutions of India are figuring lower than what they should be. This is primarily because of the criteria used by these Agencies for ranking, which depend a lot on the perception of a select group of persons.
(c) and (d): For a more objective assessment based on performance, Government has brought out the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) for Higher Education Institutions. Under this, each institution is evaluated on 5 broad parameters namely Teaching, Learning & Resources; Research and Professional Practice; Graduation Outcomes; Outreach and Inclusivity; and Perception. Several measures have been initiated for improving the quality of teaching and research in the higher educational institutions in the Country namely, Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), Global Initiative for Academics Network (GIAN), Impacting Research, Innovation & Technology (IMPRINT), Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP), Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNMTT), Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM), National Digital Library, campus connect programme, Uchhatar Avishkar Abhiyan, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, etc. A number of initiatives are also undertaken by University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for quality improvement in higher and technical education.
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